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**Pipeline and Hazardous  
Materials Safety Administration**

DOT-SP 14808

EXPIRATION DATE: November 30, 2011
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(FOR RENEWAL, SEE 49 CFR § 107.109)

1. GRANTEE: Amtrol Alfa Metalomecanica, SA  
Guimaraes, Portugal  
(U.S. Agent: Amtrol Inc., West Warwick, RI)
2. PURPOSE AND LIMITATIONS:
  - a. This special permit authorizes the manufacture, marking, sale and use of non-DOT specification cylinders, similar to a DOT 4BA, except as specified herein, for the transportation in commerce of the materials authorized by this special permit. This special permit provides no relief from the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR) other than as specifically stated herein. The most recent revision supersedes all previous revisions.
  - b. The safety analyses performed in development of this special permit only considered the hazards and risks associated with transportation in commerce. The safety analyses did not consider the hazards and risks associated with consumer use, use as a component of a transport vehicle or other device, or other uses not associated with transportation in commerce.
3. REGULATORY SYSTEM AFFECTED: 49 CFR Parts 106, 107 and 171-180.
4. REGULATIONS FROM WHICH EXEMPTED: 49 CFR §§ 178.51(b), (f)(1) and (2) and (g) in that the use of a non-DOT specification cylinder is not authorized, except as specified herein.

**NOTE:** This special permit does not relieve the holder from securing an approval for manufacturing cylinders from the Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety.

5. BASIS: This special permit is based on the application of Amtrol, Inc. dated January 13, 2009, and additional information dated May 6, 2009, May 12, 2009, May 19, 2009, May 26, 2009, June 2, 2009, June 9, 2009, June 10, 2009, June 23, 2009, July 30, 2009, September 29, 2009, October 20, 2009, October 20, 2009 and October 23, 2009, submitted in accordance with § 107.105 and the public proceeding thereon.
6. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (49 CFR § 172.101):

Hazardous Material Description			
Proper Shipping Name	Hazard Class/ Division	Identification Number	Packing Group
Butane see also Petroleum gases, liquefied	2.1	UN1011	N/A
Petroleum gases, liquefied or Liquefied petroleum gas	2.1	UN1075	N/A
Propane see also Petroleum gases, liquefied	2.1	UN1978	N/A

7. SAFETY CONTROL MEASURES:

a. PACKAGING - Packaging prescribed is a non-DOT specification cylinder, similar to the DOT-4BA, that have a maximum water capacity of 32.4 liters (8.6 US gallons). The maximum service pressure is 240 psig and the minimum cylinder burst strength is 960 psig. The cylinders are constructed in accordance with § 178.51 except as follows:

§ 178.51(b) Steel

The steel composition is limited to the high strength, dual phase, deep draw quality, killed, low carbon type with all of the chemical properties of the Grade 1 steel as presented in Appendix A of Part 178 except that the maximum silicon content must not exceed 0.50%. The chemical analysis must conform to the following:

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<u>Element</u>	<u>Ladle Analysis %</u>
Carbon	0.20 (max)
Manganese	1.60 (max)
Phosphorous	0.04 (max)
Sulfur	0.05 (max)
Silicon	0.50 (max)*
Copper	0.40 (max)

\*Note: The maximum silicon content has been increased from 0.30%, shown in Table 1 of Appendix A in Part 178, to 0.50%.

The guaranteed minimum yield strength must be at least 79,700 psig and the minimum guaranteed tensile strength must be at least 101,500 psig.

§ 178.51(f) Wall thickness

The maximum wall stress in the cylinder at test pressure is calculated by the equation given in § 178.51(f)(2), and may not exceed a value equal to half of the guaranteed minimum tensile strength.

§ 178.51(g) Heat Treatment

Heat treatment is not required.

b. DESIGN QUALIFICATION TESTING -

(1) In lieu of providing results for specimen elongation in accordance with § 178.51(k), a 12,000 cycle pressure cycling test must be successfully conducted on 1 cylinder from every lot of 1000 cylinders of the same heat. If the lot of cylinders is from multiple heats, then additional cylinders must be selected to complete the test.

(2) Two cylinders must successfully pass a drop test onto an edged striker from a height of 1.2 meters (3.9 feet) in accordance with the documentation provided by Amtrol Alfa Metalomecanica to the Office of Hazardous Materials Special Permits and Approvals (OHMSPA). The cylinders must also successfully complete a 12,000 cycle pressure cycling test and a post-cycle burst test.

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c. REQUALIFICATION TESTING -

(1) Cylinders must be requalified once every 5 years in accordance with ISO 10460 ("Welded carbon steel gas cylinders - periodic testing and inspection").

d. OPERATIONAL CONTROLS -

(1) Amtrol Alfa Metalomecanica must submit, on an annual basis, all compiled results from the 12,000 cycle pressure cycling test to OHMSPA for the first two years of production.

(2) Each cylinder must be packed and shipped in accordance with the requirements specified in § 173.301(a)(9).

8. SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

a. In accordance with the provisions of Paragraph (b) of § 173.22a, persons may use the packaging authorized by this special permit for the transportation of the hazardous materials specified in paragraph 6, only in conformance with the terms of this special permit.

b. A person who is not a holder of this special permit, but receives a packaging covered by this special permit, may reoffer it for transportation provided no modification or change is made to the packaging and it is offered for transportation in conformance with this special permit and the HMR.

c. A current copy of this special permit must be maintained at each facility where the package is offered or reoffered for transportation.

d. Each packaging manufactured under the authority of this special permit must be either (1) marked with the name of the manufacturer and location (city and state) of the facility at which it is manufactured or (2) marked with a registration symbol designated by the Office of Hazardous Materials Special Permits and Approvals for a specific manufacturing facility.

e. A current copy of this special permit must be maintained at each facility where the package is manufactured under this special permit. It must be made available to a DOT representative upon request.

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9. MODES OF TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZED: Motor vehicle, cargo vessel, and rail freight.
10. MODAL REQUIREMENTS: A current copy of this special permit must be carried aboard each motor vehicle or cargo vessel used to transport packages covered by this special permit.
11. COMPLIANCE: Failure by a person to comply with any of the following may result in suspension or revocation of this special permit and penalties prescribed by the Federal hazardous materials transportation law, 49 U.S.C. 5101 et seq:
  - o All terms and conditions prescribed in this special permit and the Hazardous Materials Regulations, 49 CFR Parts 171-180.
  - o Persons operating under the terms of this special permit must comply with the security plan requirement in Subpart I of Part 172 of the HMR, when applicable.
  - o Registration required by § 107.601 et seq., when applicable.

Each "Hazmat employee", as defined in § 171.8, who performs a function subject to this special permit must receive training on the requirements and conditions of this special permit in addition to the training required by §§ 172.700 through 172.704.

No person may use or apply this special permit, including display of its number, when this special permit has expired or is otherwise no longer in effect.

Under Title VII of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU)—"The Hazardous Materials Safety and Security Reauthorization Act of 2005" (Pub. L. 109-59), 119 Stat. 1144 (August 10, 2005), amended the Federal hazardous materials transportation law by changing the term "exemption" to "special permit" and authorizes a special permit to be granted up to two years for new special permits and up to four years for renewals.

12. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: Shipments or operations conducted under this special permit are subject to the Hazardous Materials Incident Reporting requirements specified in 49 CFR §§ 171.15 - Immediate notice of certain hazardous materials incidents, and 171.16 - Detailed hazardous materials incident reports. In addition, the grantee(s) of this special permit must notify the Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety -- OHMSPA, in writing, of any incident involving a package, shipment or operation conducted under terms of this special permit.

Issued in Washington, D.C.:



for Dr. Magdy El-Sibaie  
Acting Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety

Address all inquiries to: Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, East Building PHH-30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, Southeast, Washington, D.C. 20590.

Copies of this special permit may be obtained by accessing the Hazardous Materials Safety Homepage at [http://hazmat.dot.gov/sp\\_app/special\\_permits/spec\\_perm\\_index.htm](http://hazmat.dot.gov/sp_app/special_permits/spec_perm_index.htm) Photo reproductions and legible reductions of this special permit are permitted. Any alteration of this special permit is prohibited.

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